

Chapter ILHR 56

SCHOOLS AND OTHER PLACES OF INSTRUCTION

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Subchapter I — General Requirements

**ILHR 56.001 Scope.** The requirements of this chapter shall apply to all public and private schools, universities, colleges, academies, seminaries, libraries, museums and art galleries; including all buildings or parts of buildings used primarily for instructional purposes. This chapter does not apply to those types of art galleries where art work is intended for sale, dance studios or schools, nonacademic-music studios or schools, nonacademic-art studios or schools, self-defense schools, or other similar nonacademic training occupancies; such occupancies shall be regulated by the provisions of ch. ILHR 54.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71; am. Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; am. Register, January, 1980, No. 289, eff. 2-1-80; am. Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91.

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**ILHR 56.01 Maximum height.** (1) Buildings occupied primarily by pupils up to and including grade 12 shall not exceed 4 stories or 48 feet in height.

(a) *Exception.* Buildings provided with complete automatic sprinkler or automatic smoke detection systems, occupied primarily by students of grades 9 through 12, shall be no more than 6 stories or 72 feet in height.

Note: Also see requirements for classes of construction.

History: 1-2-56; r. Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71; cr. Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73.

**ILHR 56.02 Classes of construction limitations.** (1) Buildings within the scope of this chapter may not exceed the number of stories and height limits as specified in Table 56.02-1 based upon the type of construction utilized.

Table 56.02-1  
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STORIES

Class of Construction	Sprinklered <sup>a</sup>		Nonsprinklered	
	Height (in feet)	Number of Stories	Height (in feet)	Number of Stories
Type 1	No limit	No limit	60 <sup>b</sup>	No limit
Type 2	95	9	60 <sup>b</sup>	8
Type 3	85	3	60 <sup>b</sup>	2
Type 4	85	3	60 <sup>b</sup>	2
Type 5A	60	3	50	2
Type 5B	50	3	40	2
Type 6	60	3	50	2
Type 7	50	2	40	1
Type 8	45	2	35	1

<sup>a</sup> - An automatic fire sprinkler system designed and installed in accordance with s. ILHR 51.23 is provided throughout the entire building.

<sup>b</sup> - Section ILHR 52.01 requires the installation of sprinklers for buildings more than 60 feet in height.

(2) Those portions of buildings used as auditoriums, gymnasiums, field houses or assembly halls shall conform with the construction limitations specified in s. ILHR 55.02.

History: 1-2-56; r. and recr. Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71; am. (1) and (2) and r. and recr. (3), Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 1-1-73; cr. (4), Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73; r. and recr. (4) (a) 1., Register, May, 1974, No. 221, eff. 6-1-74; am. (4) (a) 1., Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; emerg. am. (1) to (3), renum. (4) to (5) and r. and recr. (5) (a) and (b), cr. (4), eff. 9-6-86; am. (1) to (3), renum. (4) to (5) and r. and recr. (5) (a) and (b), cr. (4), Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86; r. and recr. Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91.

**ILHR 56.03 Protection of basement levels.** (1) **GENERAL REQUIREMENT.** Buildings with basements shall at such levels be protected with an approved automatic sprinkler system as specified in s. ILHR 51.23 or an approved automatic smoke detection system, as specified in s. ILHR 51.245, either of which shall be electrically connected to the required fire alarm system.

Note: See s. ILHR 51.245 for additional requirements pertaining to smoke detectors.  
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(3) **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.** Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided and maintained as specified in s. ILHR 51.22.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; emerg. r. and recr. (2), eff. 9-6-86; r. and recr. (2), Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86; r. and recr. Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91.

**ILHR 56.21 Public school inspections.** (1) Maintenance inspections of public schools, as required by s. 101.12 (6) (a), Stats., shall be conducted by authorized employes of the department except that 1st class cities may perform these inspections, to determine whether each school complies with the following:

(a) The applicable requirements of chs. ILHR 50 to 64, including the life-safety requirements in subch. IV of this chapter;

(b) The applicable requirements in ch. 145, Stats., relating to plumbing and fire protection systems; and

(c) The requirements in s. 120.12 (5) and 121.02 (1) (i), Stats., to have an annual building maintenance schedule and to be safe and healthful.

(2) "Applicable", as used in sub. (1) (a) and (b), means the requirements in effect at the time of construction of the building or building addition, and also means the retroactive requirements, such as the life-safety requirements for schools constructed prior to January 1, 1950, in subch. IV of this chapter.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1992, No. 442, eff. 11-1-92.

#### Subchapter II — Relocatable Classrooms

**ILHR 56.30 Scope.** This part provides the minimum requirements for the design and construction of relocatable classrooms as defined in s. ILHR 56.31.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**ILHR 56.31 Definitions.** "Relocatable classrooms" mean mobile home type structures located on permanent foundations and equipped and used for educational instruction.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**ILHR 56.32 General.** Relocatable classrooms shall comply with the applicable sections of this code except as otherwise specified in this part.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**ILHR 56.33 Anchoring requirements.** Provisions acceptable to the department for the prevention of overturning of the relocatable classroom as a result of wind pressure shall be made.

Note: The department accepts provisions such as ground anchors installed in accordance with ANSI standard A 119.1.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**ILHR 56.34 Exit doors and exit lights.** (1) **EXIT DOORS.** Exit doors shall be at least 3 feet 0 inches in width. FP

(2) **EXIT LIGHTS.** Illuminated exit lights are not required in relocatable classrooms.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

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**ILHR 56.35 Class of construction separations.** Relocatable classrooms connected to another building shall be separated by class of construction separations as specified in s. ILHR 51.02 (20).

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am. Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1-1-84.

**ILHR 56.36 Barrier-free requirements.** Access to, interior circulation and toilet facilities for the physically disabled need not be provided for the relocatable classroom if the course taught in the relocatable classroom are available in accessible facilities at the same school site.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**ILHR 56.37 Sanitary fixtures.** (1) Sanitary fixtures for relocatable classrooms shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of ss. ILHR 52.50 through 52.64 and 56.16.

(a) *Exception.* Sanitary fixtures within the relocatable classroom structure need not be provided if the sanitary fixtures in the main school building are available for use and the relocatable classroom structure is connected to the main school building with an enclosed passageway.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**ILHR 56.38 Fire alarms.** Relocatable classroom structures containing more than 2 classrooms or connected to another building shall be provided with a fire alarm system as specified in s. ILHR 51.24.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

### Subchapter III — Mobile Training Units

**ILHR 56.40 Scope.** This part provides the minimum requirements for mobile training units as defined in s. ILHR 56.41.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**ILHR 56.41 Definitions.** "Mobile training units" mean trailer type units constructed and left on wheels. Mobile training units are used for education purposes at one site for a period of time no greater than 9 weeks per year.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**ILHR 56.42 General.** Mobile training units shall comply with the applicable sections of this code except as otherwise specified in this part.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**ILHR 56.43 Exit doors and exit lights.** (1) **EXIT DOORS.** Exit doors shall be at least 3 feet 0 inches wide.

(2) **EXIT LIGHTS.** Illuminated exit lights are not required for mobile training units.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**ILHR 56.44 Barrier-free requirements.** Access to, interior circulation and toilet facilities for the physically disabled need not be provided for the mobile training units if the course taught in the mobile training units are available in accessible facilities at the same school site.

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**ILHR 56.45 Sanitary fixtures.** (1) **GENERAL EXEMPTION.** Sanitary fixtures are not required in the mobile training units provided the sanitary fixtures in the main school building are available for use.

(2) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.** Toilet rooms within the mobile training unit shall comply with the requirements of ss. ILHR 52.50 through 52.64 and 56.16.

(a) *Exceptions.* 1. The requirements specified in s. ILHR 52.59 are not applicable provided the toilet room door is equipped with a privacy lock.

2. Accessible toilet facilities for the physically disabled need not be provided if accessible toilet facilities in the main school building are made available.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

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